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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re patent application of

Applicants:	Kenichi KUDO et al.	:	Group Art Unit:	1615
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Serial No.:	10/569,582	:	Examiner:	Hasan Syed Ahmed
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Filed:	February 23, 2006	:	Confirmation No:	5887
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Title:	<b>AN ADDITIVE FOR TABLETS</b>			

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 5, 2009**

Sir:

Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and comments.

Claims 1-12 are pending in the application and are subject to restriction. Applicants hereby elect Group I without traverse. Substantive examination of claims 1-3 is respectfully requested.

Applicants have been required under 35 U.S.C. §121 to elect a single species. Applicants hereby elect as the species the disintegrant of claim 2. Claims 1 and 2 read on the elected species.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Should a petition for an extension of time be necessary for the timely reply to the outstanding Office Action (or if such a petition has been made and an additional extension is necessary), petition is hereby made and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees (including additional claim fees) to Deposit Account No. 18-0988.

Respectfully submitted,

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